

THE FURY OF THE FLOODS.

THE LATEST ALL AROUND NEWS ABOUT THE FRESHET.

The Congaree Falling-Damage Around Broad River Bridge—Terrible Loss to the Farmers in the Swamp—Augusta's Streets Submerged and Business Suspended—Travel and Telegraphic Communication Interrupted—No Trains to Augusta or Greenville.

(From the Columbia Daily Record, Sept. 12.) The disastrous work of the floods has been the talk of the city and while the ruin around Columbia has been very great, it has not prevented our people from looking beyond to the destructive work of the waters that has been going on throughout the State and across the Savannah. While the real condition of Augusta has not been known to the city, it remains for the Record to tell it, much sympathy has been felt for our neighbors across the river.

TELEGRAPHIC AND TRAVEL INTERRUPTED. No trains have been run from this city on the Columbia and Greenville road for the last twenty-four hours. The track is covered with water from Montgomery to Alton and it will be several days before travel can be resumed. Passengers can only reach Greenville by rail or by a circuitous route on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road. There is likewise no direct telegraphic communication between here and the upcountry.

Augusta cannot be reached by rail or by the bridge over the Congaree. The bridge is shakily and cannot be used as yet. The Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta bridge over the Savannah cannot be used for three weeks, on account of damage to the rails.

CHARLESTON AND COLUMBIA CONNECTED. The train on the South Carolina Railway that left here this morning for Charleston had to stop at Kingville, the track being submerged this side of the bridge. A number of passengers were carried across the river, after a terrible experience—the rise prevented a transfer being made by the incoming Charleston train.

The Coast Line from Charleston arrived in the city at 11 o'clock and brought a few of the daily papers.

In and Around Columbia. Mr. L. D. Childs was seen by a Record reporter this afternoon and stated that all the plantations on the swamp are irretrievably ruined. The Childs plantation is submerged, with the exception of one hill patch, where all the cattle are congregated. The negroes are huddled together in a small hut. Seeger's plantations are ruined and his losses will go way up in the thousands. At Anglin's place, 200 of his stock and seventy-five hogs were destroyed.

AT BROAD RIVER BRIDGE. Yesterday the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad was under water for four or five miles. The embankment in Hoffman's field, opposite Cemetery Hill, has been washed away for 200 to 400 feet. Mr. J. C. Meeker lost his barn and a large quantity of corn and fodder. Broad River above the bridge was fourteen inches higher in May '86, than it is now, and the sand was five feet higher above the factory dam than was ever known. It is supposed that the factory dam is broken near its centre. Destruction on both rivers is complete.

Damage to the Railroads. The South Carolina Railway bridge over the Savannah is standing, but it will take three weeks to repair the damage to the track between Bath and Augusta. The trestle approaching the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad bridge, in Hamburg, is entirely washed away, but it is hoped to open communication with Augusta by the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad bridge on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

The Augusta city is washed away, and the Port Royal Railway bridge is entirely gone. The damages on the southern division of the Three C's Road have been entirely repaired and regular passenger trains are running between this city and Rock Hill.

The Fountain City Submerged. A special to the Charleston World reveals a terrible state of affairs in Augusta. Broad street is under three feet of water. The scene Monday morning was an awful one. "From all sides came the pathetic plea of men and women asking that for God's sake they be removed from their bed-rooms."

With dawn came a cessation of the rain, fall and a burst of sunbeams, which was welcomed with grateful thanks. The news that the dam had broken at the locks and let in a large quantity of water from the city, though true, did not prove disastrous or terrifying.

Broad street is navigable for boats, and they run up to the Chronicle and Western Union office doors. Business is entirely suspended, and merchants' only thoughts have been of the safety of their families. The damage to merchants' interests of the city by flood is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The poor whites and shiftless negroes are the greatest sufferers, their houses in the lower portions of the city being entirely submerged.

The post office was flooded, and there has been no mail communication since Saturday. Telegraphic communication has been considerably crippled.

The News and Courier states that the city bridge is completely wrecked, going in sections at different periods. Hamburg is almost entirely destroyed, many houses being carried away from their foundations to a distance of from 50 to 100 yards. There remain standing only the brick buildings and four or five wooden ones.

No trains are run into Augusta from any point, as all the railroads have been washed up. The South Carolina Railway track is completely covered with water for 300 yards beyond the three-mile point. In some places the track was carried for 100 yards below the roadway, the flood washing away the trestles, upon which cars were placed to keep them from floating. It will take about two days before anything can be done to rebuild, and about two more to re-establish communication by wire with Augusta.

"Water damaged the Chronicle building, located on Broad street, in one of the highest sections of the city. It had the first floor flooded. In the press room the employees were up to their knees in water, and it was only with great effort that it was kept out of the engine room long enough to run the presses to get out this morning's edition of the Chronicle. High water precludes the services of boys and one of the editors of the Chronicle had to wade from the Chronicle office to the Western Union office in water, because it was too high to send a boy, and receive the Associated Press dispatches."

Green street has been turned into a torrent.

Crushed to Death. BARBERS, September 13.—This morning, as Mr. John Rhoads was coming into market with a load of cotton, his zealous took fright, ran away, throwing him from the wagon, and he became entangled in some way in the harness and dragged under the wheels of the wagon and instantly killed. There was no one with him, but from all the circumstances and appearances the mules must have made a sudden jump which jerked him forward among the chains of the harness, in which his foot fastened. His head was dragged under the wheel, crushing it so badly that his features were almost unrecognizable.

Atlanta will seek it as of Old. ATLANTA, September 12.—Atlanta has gone through today an exciting primary election, in which the old question of prohibition figured largely. It was a primary for the nomination of Democratic candidates for the Legislature. Five candidates were in the field—three anti-Prohibition and two Prohibitionists. The three anti-Prohibitionists—Howell, Venable and Howell—were nominated by majorities from 400 to 600. This is believed to settle the prohibition question.

No one can be caught in places he does not visit.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

Comments of Some of the Newspapers on Its Action.

Orangeburg Times and Democrat. While the delegates from Orangeburg county to the State Convention voted almost unanimously against the renomination of Governor Richardson, we are satisfied that no county in the State will support him more enthusiastically than she will. Our people were honestly and openly opposed to his renomination, but now that he is the nominee of the Democracy, they will see to it that he gets a rousing vote from old Orangeburg. The people have spoken, and to their will we all bow. The choice of the people is our choice, and from now until the 6th of November we shall give John Peter Richardson a true and loyal support.

Bishopville Enterprise. The State Convention has met and done its work. There was manifested before the meeting of the Convention considerable opposition to the present State officers, and Governor Richardson in particular. At the meeting of the Convention, however, the so-called "farmers' movement" flunked around and helped to renominate the present incumbents.

The politicians have been spoken, and to their will we all bow. The choice of the people is our choice, and from now until the 6th of November we shall give John Peter Richardson a true and loyal support. The result of the meeting was the adoption of a series of resolutions pledging support to Cleveland. These resolutions affect about one thousand Irish-American citizens of the State. They were sent to the national headquarters to day. Some of the resolutions read thus: Resolved, That as protectionists, believing that the full measure of real protection to every wing and faction of the Democracy, all the people can be best secured under a lower and more equal system of Custom House taxation, we do most heartily endorse the plan of tariff reform contained in the Mills bill.

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A Thousand Irish-Americans Who Supported Blaine Flap.

New York, September 11.—If any evidence were wanted to prove that the Blaine Irish-Americans are not for Harrison it can be found in the meeting of the Irish-American Independent, held at their headquarters, 32 Union Square, last evening. The president of the organization is Edward J. Rowe. He was the first Democrat who in 1884 called a meeting at Clarendon Hall to protest against the nomination of Cleveland and kept up the fight persistently to the end, organizing clubs in each of the twenty-four Assembly districts in this city and keeping the fight hot by flying visits to surrounding districts. He was the organizer and president of the Irish-American Confederation of America, and is connected with all the patriotic Irish organizations.

President Rowe presided at last night's meeting, which was called the greatest Cleveland. One of the speakers was Frank Byrne, who said that, notwithstanding his rabid support of Blaine in 1884, he was now a thorough, wholehearted supporter of Cleveland and Democracy.

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